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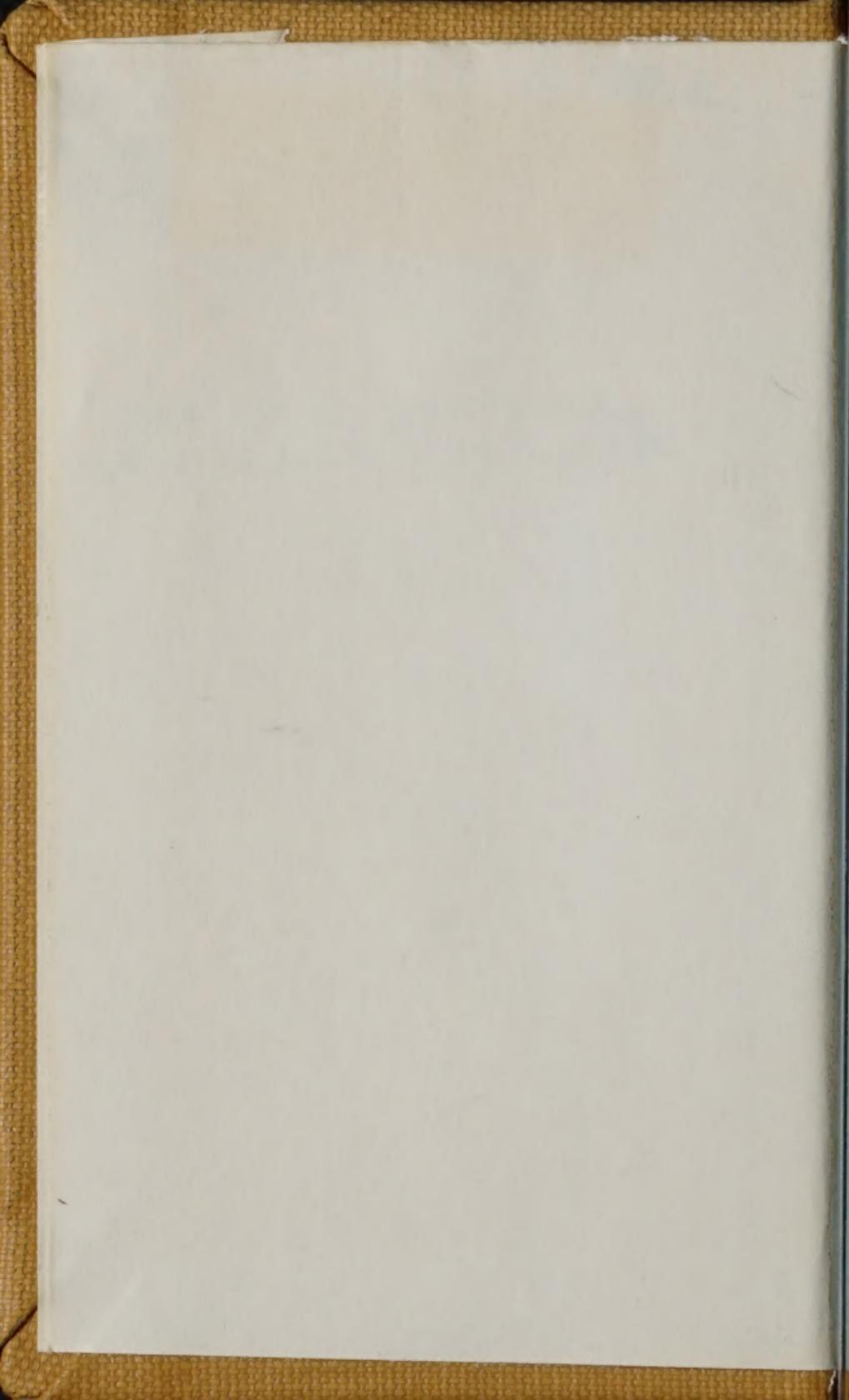
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**CONSTITUTION**

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**THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE  
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**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

This Society shall be known by the name of  
**THE MILITARY ORDER OF  
THE CRUSADES**

The members of this Society shall be called knights. Hereinafter The Military Order of The Crusades shall be referred to as The Order.

**ARTICLE II**  
**OBJECTS**

**Section 1.** To perpetuate the memory of our knightly ancestors of the Middle Ages who bravely undertook the crusades for the recovery of the Holy Land, the birthplace of Christianity, from the Mohammedans.

**Section 2.** To cause to be prepared and published books, monographs, pamphlets, and other publications relating to the crusades and to the genealogies and history of the knights who participated in the crusades and of their descendants.

**Section 3.** To continue to campaign, by analogy to crusade for righteousness among peoples and nations and for the preservation of our Christian way of life.

## ARTICLE III

### COLORS, SEAL, INSIGNIA, ROSETTE, AND BANNER

**Section 1.** The colors of The Order shall be azure and or.

**Section 2.** The seal of The Order shall be one inch in diameter. On the obverse side shall be the heraldic insignia of The Order, thus: An escutcheon charged with three escallops or. Crest: The bust of a cleric or. All on watered field and surrounded by two concentric cablings or, the field between them azure and bearing this legend or: The Military Order of The Crusades. Organized August 15, 1934.

The seal of The Order shall be affixed to each certificate of membership and to all official documents of The Order.

**Section 3.** The badge of The Order, pendant by a ring or from a silk ribbon one and one-half inches wide azure with two narrow vertical stripes or, shall consist, obversely, of a crusader's cross or, four arms enameled gules, mounted on cross swords or, surmounted at fesse-point of crossarms with the escutcheon of The Order, and, reversely, of the engraved registered number of the member.

**Section 4.** The rosette of The Order shall be five-eighths of an inch in diameter and shall be azure with a crusader's cross or. A miniature rosette is authorized.

The rosette shall be the informal emblem of The Order and shall be worn in the buttonhole of the left lapel of the coat.

**Section 5.** The banner of The Order shall be argent charged with a crusader's cross gules.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Any gentleman, above the age of 18 years and of good character, who shall have established his descent from one or more of the knights who participated in one or more of the several crusades from Europe to the Holy Land in the Middle Ages, not only the eight major crusades of 1096-1099, 1147-1148, 1189-1192, 1202-1204, 1218-1221, 1228-1229, 1248-1254, and 1270-1272 but also the various minor intervening crusades of record, shall be eligible for hereditary membership.

**Section 2.** An hereditary member may name a gentleman of his immediate family to receive his membership upon his decease. The Council reserves the right to pass on the personal qualifications of such a recipient and under adverse findings may reject the candidate. Such successor will be required to pay the full membership fee before being enrolled as an active member.

**Section 3.** All members shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Council present at any stated meeting.

**Section 4.** A member may be suspended or dropped from the rolls by a vote of two-thirds of the Council present at any stated meeting for a violation of the constitution or by-laws, or on account of any conduct prejudicial to the interest of The Order, or in violation of his duties as a member thereof; provided that not less than four weeks' notice shall have been given by the Scrivener to such member of the offense or misconduct with which he is charged and

of the time and place where he may be heard in answer thereto. In the event of such action by the Council, the member shall have the right to appeal to The Order at its next stated meeting, at which time he shall be given the opportunity to be heard and The Order may thereupon revoke or modify the order of suspension or expulsion by a majority vote of the members present. If a member be removed from the rolls, he forfeits all rights and privileges, including his right to name a successor.

**Section 5.** No resignation of a member shall be accepted by The Order unless presented in writing and accepted by the Council.

## ARTICLE V

### FEES

**Section 1.** Full membership, with the right to name a successor, shall be comprehended by a single payment of \$50.00. This amount shall accompany the completed genealogical statement of the candidate.

If the candidate be duly elected, such payment shall entitle him to a certificate of membership and a lapel button. But should the candidate fail to be eligible by reason of insufficiency of his submitted pedigree upon examination by the Genealogist of The Order, the Council shall authorize and instruct the Keeper of the Exchequer to refund to the candidate his membership fee after deduction of expense of examination of his pedigree.

**Section 2.** The Annual dues of The Order shall be those prescribed in the by-laws hereto. The fiscal year shall begin

January first and shall end December thirty first.

**Section 3.** Any member who neglects or refuses to pay his annual dues within one year after receiving notice thereof from the Keeper of the Exchequer shall be reported to the Council for its action.

## ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The officers of The Order shall be

Commander General

Captain General

Scrivener

Keeper of the Exchequer

Keeper of The Rolls & Genealogist

Chaplain

Advocate

Chirurgeon

Historian & Editor

who shall hold office for two years or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. All elections of officers shall be held at the annual meeting of The Order by a majority vote of those present. The Commander General and the Captain General shall be ineligible for more than two successive terms.

**Section 2.** The Council of The Order shall consist of the officers, all past Commander Generals ex-officio, and one knight elected from the membership at large by a

majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of The Order.

**Section 3.** The Council of The Order shall have the management of the affairs of The Order between annual meetings.

**Section 4.** In case a vacancy should occur by death or by resignation of any of the officers or councillor, such vacancy shall be filled by the Council except in case of the Commander General, when the Captain General shall succeed to that office.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### MEETINGS

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of The Order shall be held during the month of June at a place, date, and hour to be designated by the Council.

**Section 2.** Meetings of the Council shall be held at least four times yearly at a place, date, and hour to be designated by the Commander General.

**Section 3.** Special Meetings of The Order for business, literary, social, religious, or memorial purposes shall be held at such place, date, and hour as designated by the Council.

**Section 4.** The Scrivener shall notify all knights of the place, date, and hour of the annual meeting and of special meetings of The Order. He shall notify all knights of the Council of the place, date, and hour of all meetings of the Council when so directed by the Commander General.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **QUORUM**

**Section 1.** Eight knights of The Order shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of The Order. Four knights shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Council.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **PERMANENT FUND**

**Section 1.** All moneys derived from new memberships after the payment of the fee of the Genealogist and the cost of certificate and rosette shall constitute a permanent fund of The Order, and the income only thereof shall be used for the usual current expenses of The Order.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** No amendment to this constitution shall be made except at an annual meeting and provided that each such amendment shall have been proposed in writing, signed by at least five knights, and served by mail on all knights at least thirty days prior to such meeting.

## BY - LAWS

### ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Applicants for admission to membership in The Order shall be proposed by two members in good standing to whom the applicant is known. The Scrivener, upon receiving such a proposal, shall forward an application blank to the applicant. When completed, the blank shall be returned to the Scrivener, who in turn, shall refer the completed blank to the Keeper of The Rolls & Genealogist, who shall examine the pedigree and the references. Upon his approval, he shall transmit the application to the Council. For this service, the Genealogist shall be paid \$20.00. The Council shall have the power to elect an applicant to membership by a two-thirds vote of knights present at a meeting of the Council.

### ARTICLE II DUES

**Section 1.** The annual dues shall be fixed by the Council yearly, but they shall not exceed \$4.00 per annum.

### ARTICLE III

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The duties of the officers shall be such as usually appertain to their offices outlined generally below, and they shall have such other powers as shall be delegated to them from time to time by the

Council of The Order. The officers shall make reports to the annual meeting and at such other times as may be required by the Council.

## THE COMMANDER GENERAL

**Section 1.** This officer, or in his absence or inability, the Captain General or one of the other officers in the order of seniority named in the constitution, shall preside at all meetings of The Order and of the Council and shall have a casting vote. He shall call the meetings of the Council. He shall perform such representative duties on behalf of The Order, either personally or by correspondence, as The Order or Council may find desirable or necessary. He shall exercise the usual functions of the presiding officer and shall enforce a strict observance of the constitution and by-laws of The Order. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall sign the certificates of The Order.

## THE CAPTAIN GENERAL

**Section 2.** This officer, next in seniority to the Commander General, shall preside in his absence, shall perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office, and shall promote the interests and activities of The Order.

## SCRIVENER

**Section 3.** This officer shall perform the usual duties of a secretary for The Order and for its Council.

He shall receive and transmit to the Keeper of The Rolls & Genealogist of The Order the pedigree of a candidate for membership and shall notify the candidate of his election or rejection.

On order from the Commander General, he shall notify each Council member of the place, date, and hour of all meetings of the Council.

On order from the Council, he shall notify each knight of the place, date, and hour of the annual meeting.

He shall make and preserve as the property of The Order a true record of all meetings of The Order and of the meetings of the Council.

He shall conduct the correspondence of the Council upon its direction on all matters connected with The Order.

#### KEEPER OF THE EXCHEQUER

**Section 4.** This officer shall perform the usual duties of a treasurer for The Order and for the Council under direction of the Council, with or without security or bond, as the Council shall determine.

He shall contract for and purchase the insignia, rosettes, banners, and diplomas of The Order and shall issue permits for the purchase of the same only to members of The Order.

He shall collect all revenues due The Order and under the direction of the Council, shall properly disburse or invest the same.

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Order, regular and usual accounts and vouchers of bills paid on account of The Order, which shall be subject to examination by the Council.

He shall sign the certificates of The Order.

### KEEPER OF THE ROLLS & GENEALOGIST

**Section 5.** This officer shall be the custodian of the submitted application papers, pedigrees, and references after an applicant has been elected to The Order.

He shall countersign the certificates of The Order.

This officer, upon its receipt from the Scrivener, shall examine the pedigree and references substantiating it submitted by the candidate for membership in The Order, on which the candidate bases his eligibility and qualifications. He shall present these papers with his opinion to the Council for its consideration at a regular meeting.

Should the Genealogist require certain references and authorities accompanying a submitted pedigree to be examined and verified, and these references are foreign or not readily accessible, it shall be his duty to notify the applicant of this requirement and obtain his permission to enter into the expense on his behalf, and such labor and expense shall be paid by the candidate.

In the absence of or inability of the Scrivener to serve, the Genealogist shall exercise pro-tempore the duties of that officer.

## CHAPLAIN

**Section 6.** This officer shall be an ordained minister. He shall open and close meetings of The Order and of the Council with religious services usual and proper on such occasions when so directed by the Commander General or by the officer presiding at the meeting.

## ADVOCATE

**Section 7.** This officer shall be an attorney and counsellor-at-law and shall be the counsel of The Order and of the Council.

## CHIRURGEON

**Section 8.** This officer shall be a doctor of medicine. He shall perform such duties as usually appertain to his office.

## HISTORIAN AND EDITOR

**Section 9.** This officer shall maintain a record of the significant events in the life of The Order. He shall request and maintain a complete biography of each knight.

He shall prepare papers on the crusades and encourage others to similar endeavors.

He shall act as editor and shall issue a 9" by 6" Bulletin at least once yearly, containing historical articles, notices about members, etc.

## THE COUNCIL

**Section 10.** The Council shall manage the business and affairs of The Order between annual meetings and shall have power:

To call meetings of and to arrange celebrations by The Order.

To elect candidates to membership in The Order and to accept resignations.

To remove members from the rolls for just causes, subject however, to Article IV, Section 5 of the constitution.

The Council has the complete power under this constitution and by-laws to remove from the rolls at its discretion any knight who is one year in arrears of dues. Under special circumstances, such as inability to pay, active service in the armed forces of the United States, etc., the Council has the power to rescind the dues in any special case.

To fill vacancies in the offices between annual meetings, but in no event beyond the next annual meeting.

To decide the material for publication and the cost thereof.

To resolve any conflict between two or more officers or two or more committees as to their powers and duties under the constitution.

The Council shall meet not less than four times yearly, at the call of the Commander General, at a place and time designated by him.

Four knights present shall constitute a quorum and the actions of the Council shall be by majority vote of those present unless otherwise specified herein. The Council shall report to the annual meeting.

### THE COMMITTEES

**Section 11.** The Commander General shall appoint annually such standing committees as are deemed necessary, such as

committees on membership, entertainment, publications, and finance.

The Commander General shall appoint annually a nominating committee, which shall present to the annual meeting names for the various officers and councillor for election at the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

The Commander General shall appoint annually an auditing committee to examine the accounts of the Keeper of the Exchequer and the records of the Scrivener, Keeper of The Rolls, and Historian.

The above committees shall make reports to the Council and to the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE IV

### AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** No amendment to the by-laws shall be made except at an annual meeting and provided that each amendment shall have been proposed in writing, signed by at least five knights and served by mail on all knights at least thirty days prior to such meeting.

## ARTICLE V

**Section 1.** The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised 1943 shall govern The Order in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution and by-laws of The Order.

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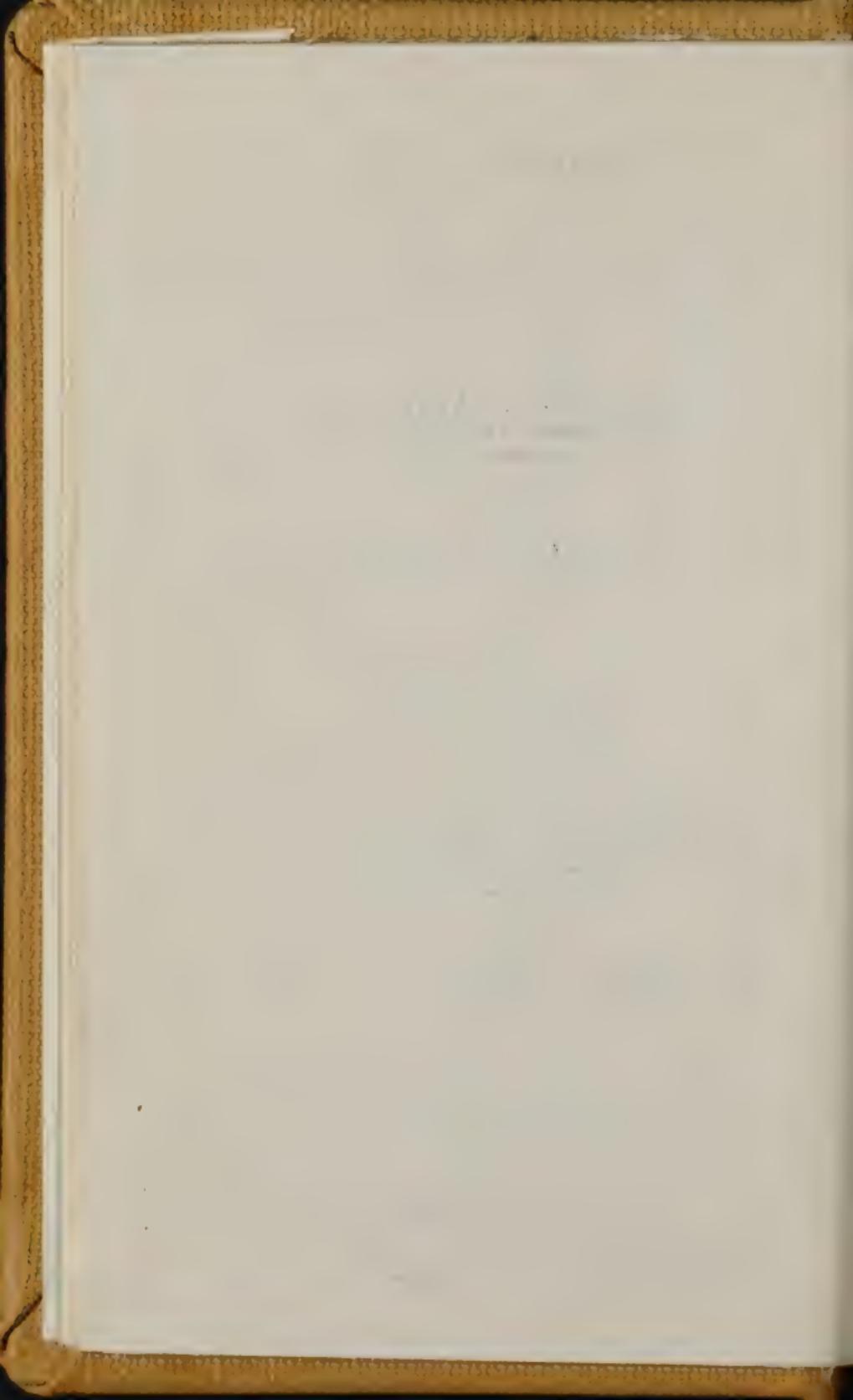
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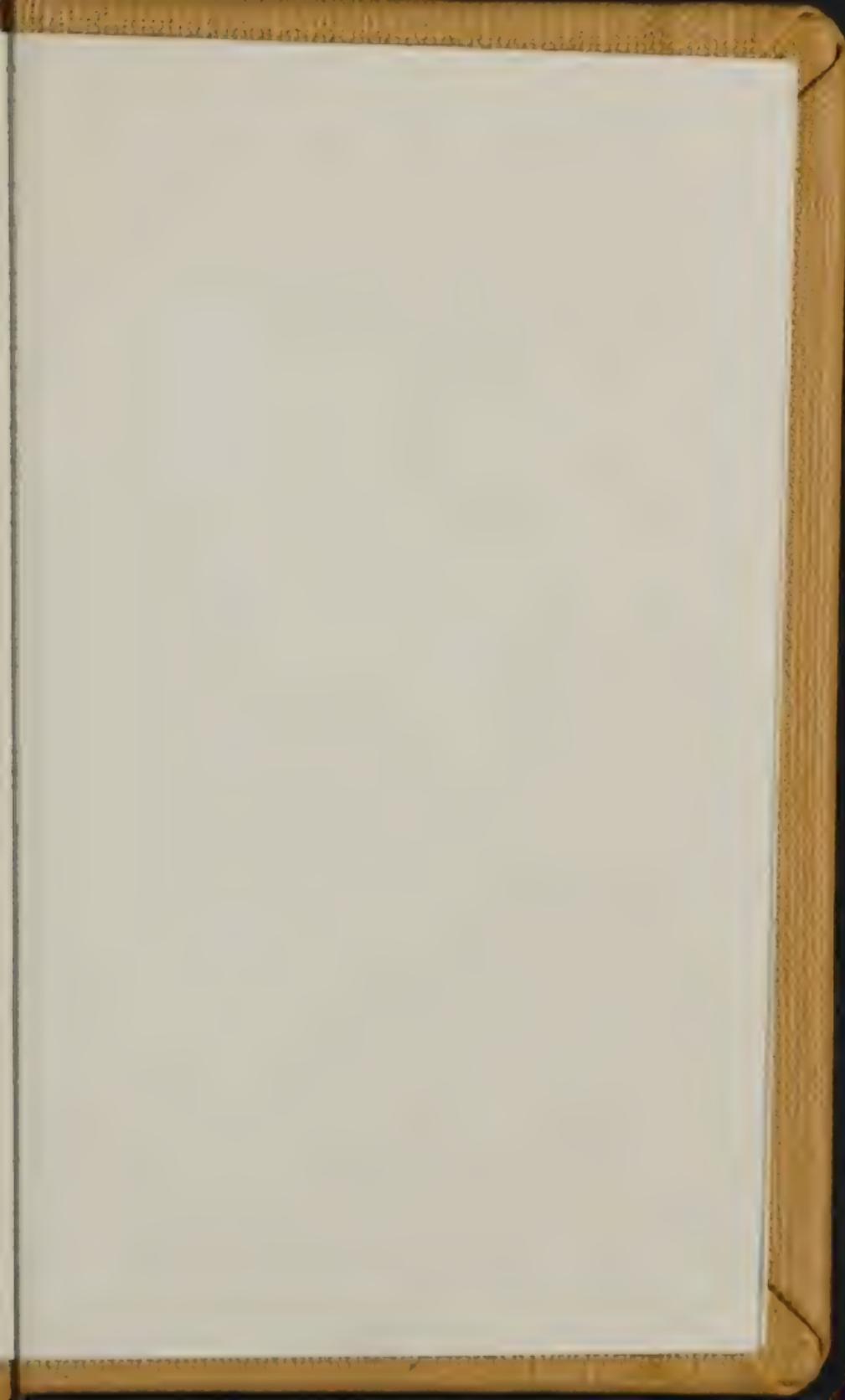
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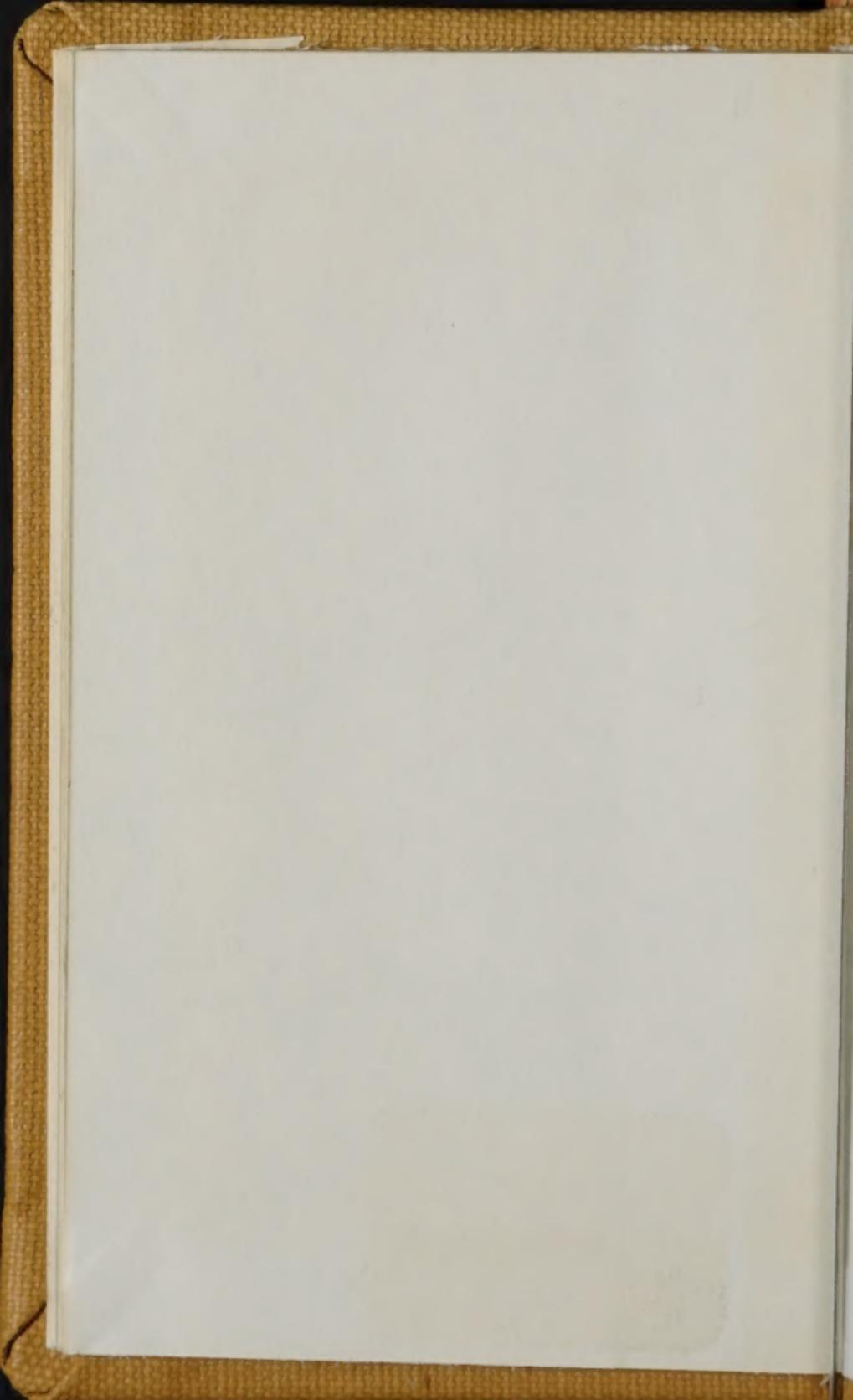














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